FROM DAY TO DAY

"TRANS-ocean air communications," will be the subject of a lecture to be given by Mr. F. J. Sanger on January 23, at 9 p.m. on the Foreign "Y" lecture programme.

THE Sunday Broadcast of the National Christian Council will be given tonight by Dr. W. Y. Chen in Chinese at 9.30 p.m. and by Rev. Ronald Rees in English at 9.45 p.m. over XMHA.

MR. Hsieh Sheng-tang, Judge and President of the Supreme Court of Szechuen, was relieved of his post by the Chinese National Government on Friday, states a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

"THAT keeping of pets is a sign of weak character," will be proposed on the Foreign "Y" debating programme on Thursday, January 25, at 9 p.m. Dr. C. B. Day is proposing, and Miss J. MacKenzie is opposing. A good debate is expected.

THE London Zoo has lost another rare animal—Kathleen, the two-ton African rhino valued at £1,000. Kathleen was the only tame rhinoceros to come to the Zoo; she arrived when only eight months old. For the last year she had lived at Whipsnade. She had a nine-gallon-a-day thirst.

THE Shanghai Catholic Radio League will present on the Catholic Hour broadcast tonight at 7.30 p.m. over XMHA the second talk on the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on Atheistic Communism. The speaker tonight is the Reverend William McGoldrick, of the Missionaries of St. Columban, who has taken for his subject "The Inequality of Men."

As a reward for their co-operation with the Chinese fighting forces which made possible the big victories in North Kiwangtung, General Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the Kwangtung Provincial Government to distribute suitable rewards among the people in North Kwangtung whose relatives have been either wounded or killed, says a Shaokwan message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE Municipal Council has been notified that the following have been elected as Judges of the Court of Consuls for the year 1940:—Mr. C. E. Gauss, American Consul-General, President; Mr. Y. Miura, Consul-General for Japan, and Mr. A. H. George, C.M.G., Consul-General for Great Britain. Mr. E. A. Long will continue as Secretary of the Court.

IN view of the fact that conditions in Shanghai do not permit the establishment of a Chinese Government Income Tax Collection Bureau, tax payers are requested to forward their reports to the local branch office of the Central Bank of China, according to a circular recently sent to various local Chinese merchants by the City Chamber of Commerce, states the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE German Government are claiming two 4,000-ton Polish motor-ships which are being built in a Belgian shipyard for the Zegluga Polska. The Nazis say that as Poland belongs to Germany the ships are their property. There is a likelihood that when the vessels are ready for delivery, the Belgian Government will retain them on the ground that the country urgently needs merchant ships.

THE Chief Officer of the Shanghai Municipal Fire Brigade reports that during December 98 calls were received, 83 of which were genuine. The damage done within the Settlement and special rated areas was estimated at $275,160; lives lost civilians 13; injuries, civilians 28 and brigade staff 20. During the month 674 calls were received by the emergency ambulance service and 723 patients were conveyed to various hospitals.

AFTER extensive prospecting, the Geological Research Bureau of the Chinese Government in Chungking reports that iron deposits in Szechuen aggregate about 50,000,000 tons, states a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao." Most of these deposits, the report adds, are located in the areas lying about 100 kilometres south of Chungking along the Chi Kiang river valleys, while other iron veins are located along the Szechuen-Sikong borders, the report adds.

THE Rev. H. B. Rattenbury, one of the foreign secretaries of the English Methodist Mission, who has been visiting his mission stations in Central China, and is spending a few days in Shanghai, has consented to occupy the pulpit of Union Church this morning. Mr. Rattenbury, who has spent some years in China and was, prior to his present appointment, general superintendent in Hankow, will be remembered by many friends in Shanghai, who will welcome this opportunity of hearing him this morning.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, North China Branch, will be held in the Wu-Lien-Teh Hall, 20 Museum Road, on Thursday, January 25, 1940, at 5.30 p.m., when reports by its officers and a statement of accounts up to December 31, 1939, will be presented for adoption, and officers for the present year will be elected. Members are earnestly requested to be present in order to show their interest in the affairs of the Society. The chair will be taken by Mr. Arthur de C. Sowerby.

MR. W. E. Butlin, the holiday-camp proprietor, and Mr. B. N. Mills, son of the late Mr. Bertram Mills, of circus fame, are among the directors of a new company which has taken over Covent Garden Opera House on a lease of several years. The company, officially described as "Opera House, Covent Garden, Ltd," has been formed with a capital of £10,000 in £1 shares to "present, produce and manage plays, dramas, operas etc., and to carry on the business of dance-hall-proprietors, etc." The Opera House, reverted to the owners when the war began, and if the house had remained unoccupied the valuable commercial possibilities of the site might have meant the demolition of the building. At present dances are held every afternoon and evening on the popular Palais de Danse lines. It is proposed to reserve part of the year for ballet and possibly musical comedy, and when peace comes it is hoped to have the international season of opera.

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Wedding of Mr. Robert Kwok and Miss Dora Ellis

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Park Hotel of Mr. Robert Kwok, of the Bank of China and son of Mr. Kwok Wing Shui, of the Wing On Co., Ltd., and Miss Dora Ellis, niece of Mr. R. K. Laing of Hongkong. The matron of honour was Mrs. Eva Maycock, the bridesmaids being the Misses Cecilia Hoh, Priscilla Ho and Angeline Choa. Douglas Kwok and Rosalind Kwok were page boy and flower girl, the best man being Mr. Samuel Wong.

Child Protection Work Increasing

Special S. M. C. Section Investigates 730 Cases of Delinquency in Past Year

In all, 730 cases were dealt with by the Child Protection Section of the Industrial Section of the S. M. C. in 1939, according to a report recently approved by the Shanghai Municipal Council. Of this total, 677 were new cases and 53 had been re-opened. Of these 466 persons dealt with were handed over to institutions, 167 to relatives and parents, fifteen ran away or died, five were adopted, eleven cases were pending and thirteen cases were incomplete at the time the report was made.

By far the greatest number of cases centred round stray children, 155 cases of this nature having been dealt with. Beggars, totalling 91, form the next largest category, while 27 "look-see" motor car boys were also looked after. Only eight children were taken from their beggar mothers.

Abducted children dealt with, totalled 81, while 76 prostitutes were also looked after. "Mui Tsai," or young Chinese girls transferred into the control of others not near relatives and used in domestic work, accounted for 61 cases, while 60 homeless and 47 abandoned children were also looked after. A total of 81 cases centred around children up to five years of age, 156 between six and ten; 248 between eleven and fifteen; and 160 between sixteen and 20; and 32 above 20 years of age.

Of the total number of new cases, 225 dealt with boys and 452 with girls. Police stations brought 623 cases to the notice of Section, while 30 cases were reported by individuals, fifteen by hospitals and nine by various organizations. The new cases interviewed up to the time of the report was 607.

Child Beggar Problem

Apart from the cases of enforced child-labour and prostitution which had already been much in evidence prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, the war rendered thousands of orphans and lost children homeless and many of them lived in alleyways for periods exceeding two years, notwithstanding the many refugee camps that were established. These children usually begged for a living and worked under the direction of a "beggar head" to whom they had to pay a daily sum for protection.

Prior to the establishment of the Child Protection Section, any child victim of circumstances was taken by the police to the Court for disposal. The usual practice of the Court was to assign these young persons to one or two institutions. Thereafter no authority concerned itself with the well-being of these children. In January 1939, a social process for handling these young victims was devised, whereby all girls and boys picked up by the police are sent to a reception home and each morning, Chinese women social workers on the staff of the Section call there and the process of investigation and adjustment is then started whereby the most suitable programme, depending on the circumstances of the case, is mapped out and executed.

A great effort is also made to rid the city of child beggars who, if they remain unchecked, will become potential delinquents.

Drug Dealers Given Stiff Sentences

Police Narcotic Squad Make Arrests

A busy day for the narcotics squad of the Settlement police on Friday resulted in seven drug offenders being sentenced to heavy prison terms yesterday in the First Special District Court. Two male and a female Chinese were arrested on Friday in a house in Sinza Road where they were trapped by a police informer who promised to buy 16 ounces of opium from them. They were caught red-handed during the deal which had been previously arranged. Both male Chinese were each sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment while the girl accomplice, aged only 14, was declared not guilty.

Another badlands opium agency at 48-546 Tiendong Road, which has been selling several hundred ounces of the drug daily, was raided by the police on Friday. In addition to 60 ounces of prepared opium and 10 ounces of adulterant, 13 chops, four account books and some $600 in cash were seized. Two men and two women were arrested. The two men were similarly punished by the court as in the previous case while the two women were also acquitted.

Three heroin peddlars accused of selling heroin at 467 North Shanse Road were severaly punished. Huang Chang-ken was sentenced to 12 and a half years' imprisonment, while Shen Ah-jai and Chang Ching-yung drew 12 years each.

WEDDINGS

Redfern—Hertzenbusch

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King of Mr. Richard James Redfern and Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Hartzenbusch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartzenbusch of Shanghai.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a simple, high-necked dress of white moiré with leg of mutton sleeves, a silver lamé train falling from the waist. The long tulle veil was held to the head by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of calla lilies and maiden-hair fern. Her matron of honour was Mrs. E. Joebges and the bridesmaid was Miss Rita Caudron. Mrs. Joebges wore a dress of pale flame brocaded taffeta, made with a simple buttoned bodice tied at the back in a large bow. Miss Caudron's frock was of the same material made with a gathered net full skirt, the tight bodice coming to a point, and leg of mutton sleeves. Both wore headdresses of gold net and taffeta and carried Victorian bouquets of mixed sweet peas. Mr. Felix Madsen was best man and the ushers were Mr. "Heinie" Hartzenbusch and Mr. A. Meller.

The bride's mother wore a long, wine-coloured dress made with a high cowl neck, long sleeves and a ruched toque of matching colour trimmed with a veil falling to the shoulders. Her corsage was of deep, matching carnations.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 300 Great Western Road. The bride went away in a costume of black and white taffeta made with a full, checked skirt, the tight-fitting jacket trimmed with lace at throat and wrists. Her hat, bag and gloves were in wine-colour. The honeymoon will be spent in Japan.

Kwok—Ellis

The wedding took place yesterday at the Park Hotel of Mr. Robert Kwok, son of Mr. Kwok Wing-shui, of the Wing On Co., Ltd., and Miss Dora Ellis, niece of Mr. R. K. Laing of Hongkong. Mr. William Gockson officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. R. K. Laing, wore a gown of white and silver French brocade cut on long flowing lines with a long train, tight-fitting bodice made with a heart-shaped neckline, and long tight sleeves. Her circular veil was of embroidered tulle and was fastened to the head with orange blossoms and lilies of the valley. She carried a bouquet of carnations and sweet peas. The matron of honour was Mrs. Eva Maycock, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Cecilia Hoh, Priscilla Ho and Angeline Choa. The page boy was Douglas Kwok and Rosalind Kwok acted as flower girl. Mrs. Maycock and Miss Angeline Choa wore amethysat taffeta frocks trimmed with lamé of a lighter shade, and the Misses Cecilia Hoh and Priscilla Ho wore dresses of rose taffeta trimmed with blue velvet ribbons. Their headdresses were veils fastened with flowers and they all carried posies of mixed flowers. Rosalind Kwok as flower girl was dressed in a blue taffeta Empire frock and a Dutch bonnet. Douglas Kwok wearing a black satin suit with a white blouse. The best man was Mr. Samuel Wong.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Park Hotel.

Pirates Said Active Outside Woosung

Molest Junks Which Carry New Year Commodities

Chinese reports indicate that pirates are again active outside Woosung preying upon boats carrying Lunar New Year goods destined for Chekiang coastal districts and Tinghai, an island off Chekiang. Two junks are known to have been victimized and pirates are also said to be active off Pootoo.

The fishing season being just over, it is said, fishing people who have been shipping their catches to Shanghai are shipping all kinds of goods needed by natives back to districts in Chekiang for celebrating the Lunar New Year. Pirates are said to be paying particular attention to them.

Recently, a fishing junk arrived here from Tinghai with fish for the Shanghai Fish Market in Yangtzepoo. The next day the same junk was carrying cigarettes, matches and groceries to Tinghai when it met pirates outside. The buccaneers are said to have done a very clean job. On January 14, another boat coming to Shengchiamen was victimized to the extent of $4,000.

Bill, the London Zoo wart ho which had been in the menagerie since 1926, died from old age. He was about 16 years old and is believed to have established a record for wart hogs in captivity.

Snowfall Ushers In Great Cold

Whirling Snowflakes Fall To Shroud City in Misty Gloom; Normal Weather

Shanghai moved about its business in a driving whirl of snowflakes yesterday as a mid-January fall of snow descended upon the city. Although there had been light flurries of snow all morning it did not come down in profusion until about noon when large snowflakes commenced to fall and continued during the rest of the day. According to Zikawei Observatory the snowfall was nothing out of the ordinary as there are usually one or two days of light snow after middle January.

The snow was a fitting harbinger of *Ta-han*, or the "Great Cold," which, according to the Chinese lunar calendar is due today. Yesterday the temperature hovered in the vicinity of one or two degrees above the freezing point, causing Shanghailanders, who had become accustomed to the mild winter experienced so far, to shiver. The snow was welcomed by the Chinese, however, for according to custom if there is a fall of snow before the Chinese New Year it portends good tidings for the coming year.

To the disappointment of Shanghai's younger set, who envisaged snowball fights and snow men when they spied the white flakes, yesterday's snowfall consisted of wet flakes which failed to settle on the ground, melting as they touched the earth. Wet as the snow was, it did not deter sports-lovers from flocking to the Race course and other recreation grounds to watch their favourite football teams in action.

Pall of Gloom

A heavy pall of gloom hung over the city as the snow drifted down. The tall office buildings in the downtown district were faintly visible, their outlines blurred in the soft mist. Pedestrians scurried along with heads down like a herd of buffalo while some advanced against the insidious wet flakes behind the protection of umbrellas. Many collisions resulted from the blind manœuvering of these latter individuals and a number of umbrellas were rendered unfit for further action.

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North China Backs Wang Ching-wei

Rumours of Dissension Dispelled; Conference To Be Held Shortly

Peiping, Jan. 20.

Apparently with the aim of clearing rumours of dissension between the "Provisional Government" of Peiping and Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his followers, Lt.-General Kita, Director of the North China Liaison Office of the China Affairs Board, told foreign correspondents here in an interview yesterday that the Peiping Government would extend full co-operation to the proposed new central régime.

He declared that the "Provisional Government" might lose its title, but there would be a concentration of administration between Peiping and Nanking and there could be "no separate Government."

The proposed Central Government of China, he said, was closely connected with the idea of peace.

Lt.-General Kita went on to state that a conference between Nanking and Peiping leaders and Mr. Wang Ching-wei would be held shortly. A committee would then be formed to settle the question of the Central Government of China.

A change would occur in the status of the North China regime to bring it in line with the Central Government, but this would be a slow and gradual change, he added.—Reuter.

All Swedish Shipping Put Under State Control

Stockholm, Jan. 19.

The Swedish Government has drafted an Emergency Powers Law establishing complete State control over Swedish merchant shipping, according to the Stockholm radio station. The measure, it is added, is necessary because increasing demands have been imposed on Swedish shipping by the war.—Reuter.

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Little Yangtze Traffic Between Wuhu, Hankow

The annual drop of the Yangtze River during the winter is causing difficulties to shipping and even Japanese vessels which monopolize the business can sail only as far as Wuhu, states a Chinese report.

The river is said to be very shallow at present, specially near Huangshihkong where the water is only six feet deep. All boats belonging to the new Japanese shipping firm (reorganized from the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha) cannot proceed to Hankow now, it is stated.

Goods carried by larger steamers will have to be unloaded to smaller boats on the run between Huangshihkong and Wuhu. For transport between Wuhu and Hankow the goods will have to be transferred again to still smaller vessels, it is stated.

New Egyptian Minister To Japan Appointed

Cairo, Jan. 20.

The Egyptian Government today announced the appointment of M. Nicholas Cali, Egyptian Minister to the Netherlands, to the same position in Japan. He will succeed M. Abdel Wahab Daoud Bey, who has been transferred to Greece.—Domei.

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